Retrieving of valuable historical documents from foreign Governments

*140. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of original valuable documents of Indian history are still in the possession of several Foreign Governments;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what efforts have been made by Government so far to retrieve those documents and what is the present position with regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) These documents are lying in a number of foreign countries with past Indian associations. Lists containing details of these documents in each country are not in existence.

(c) The National Archives of India, as a part of its project to acquire microfilm copies of records of Indian interest from foreign countries under bilateral programmes and through purchase, has so far acquired 6785 rolls of microfilm.

Import of Palm Oil

804. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the cost of production of Palm oil in the country at present;

(b) what is the quantum of palm oil imported during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) what is the amount of foreign-exchange involved in its import during the same period, year-wise:

(d) what steps Government are taking to step up its production with a view to attain self-sufficiency; and

(e) what is the contribution made by the agricultural scientists in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The cost of production of Palm Oil of Oil Palm India Ltd., one of the two commercial plantations in the country is estimated at Rs. 12,040 per tonne in the year 1990-91.

(b) The financial year-wise quantum of imports of Edible Oil by STC during the years 1988-89, 1989-90 and 1990-91 is given as under:—

Financial Year	Quantum of Imports (Metric Tonnes)
1988-89	11,65,862
1989-90	2,95,437
1990-91	5,40,235

(c) The value of the imports during the years 1988-89 to 1990-91 is given as under:—

Financial Year	Value (Rs. in Crores)
1988-89	768.52
1989-90	162.47
1990-91	305.63

(d) An expert committee appointed by Department of Agriculture and Cooperation has identified an area of 5.75 lakh ha. in nine States as being suitable for oil palm cultivation in the country. Technology Mission on Oilseeds, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation has been appointed as the nodal agency for the development of oil palm in the country in December, 1990. Advance action has been initiated to establish oil palm seed gardens, seed nurseries, frontline demonstrations and demonstration processing

units to encourage oil palm cultivation in the identified areas during Eighth Plan. A comprehensive plan has been prepared to raise oil palm in 80,000 ha. during the Eighth Plan.

(e) ICAR at its Central Plantation Crop Research Institute at Palode has developed high yielding tenera hybrid oil palm seeds in its seed garden. Presently, they have a capacity to produce around 4 lakhs hybrid seeds annually. The hybrid seeds are being used for area expansion in the potential States.

समेकित परती भूमि विकास योजना

805. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव :** क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उत्तर प्रदेश में समेकित परती भूमि विकास परियोजना के अधीन किन-किन जिलों को लाया गया है ;

(ख) इस परियोजना के अधीन क्या-क्या लक्ष्य निर्धारित किए गए थे तथा पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान इन लक्ष्यों को कहां तक प्राप्त किया गया; और

(ग) आगामी वर्ष में इस योजना में जिन जिलों को शामिल किए जाने का विचार है उनके नाम क्या हैं ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मुल्लापल्ली रामचन्द्रन) : (क) से (ग) "समेकित परती भूमि विकास परियोजना" शीर्षक नामक कोई योजना उत्तर प्रदेश में कार्यान्वित नहीं की जा रही है ।

Damage due to rainfall in Andhra Pradesh

806. SHRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the extent of land with standing paddy crops betal leaf gardens etc. damaged by rain during the last week of October and 1st week of November, 1991 in Andhra Pradesh and what help Government have provided to the rain-hit farmers;

(b) what is the number of deaths reported on account of rains; and

(c) what help Government have rendered to the affected families?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c) The information is being collected from the State Government and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

गुजरात में प्राकृतिक आपदायें

807. **श्री राम सिंह राठवा :** क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान प्राकृतिक आपदाओं के कारण जान माल को कितनी हानि हुई ;

(ख) उक्त अवधि के दौरान गुजरात में प्रभावित हुए लोगों को राहत प्रदान करने के लिए सरकार ने क्या कदम उठाये हैं ; और

(ग) गुजरात में प्राकृतिक आपदाओं से प्रभावित हुए लोगों के पुनर्वास तथा उन्हें राहत प्रदान करने के लिए पिछले वर्ष सरकार द्वारा कितनी धनराशि स्वीकृत की गई ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मुल्लापल्ली रामचन्द्रन) : (क) से (ग) राज्य सरकारों से सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।